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Victoria, B. C. (Special).—Advices were received from South China by the Athenian of the loss of thousands of lives as a result of the destruction of several hundred fishing junks in a typhoon off Swatow.

The havoc was awful when the gale swept down on the Chinese vessels. For days disabled junks drifted helplessly about, their occupants suffering from thirst and hunger.

The Hongkong government tender Stanley rescued a number, picking up eight junks and taking 122 men off vessels that were abandoned.

The Stanley then returned to the scene, for the rescued fishermen reported that there were 400 junks fishing off Swatow when the typhoon came on November 4. From the Stanley 57 junks were seen flying distress signals. Several junks were towed to Hongkong and then a third relief cruise was made.

Meanwhile three torpedo boat destroyers, the naval water boat Cherub and a Chinese cruiser were sent out and rescued many. Several hundred men were taken from the wrecked craft suffering greatly, some being without food or water from two to five days.

Of the 400 fishing junks at least 300 are reported disabled or sunk, and thousands of lives were lost.

DREYFUS GAINS GREAT POINT.

Judicial Examination to Be Made of Famous Case.

Paris (By Cable).—The efforts of Alfred Dreyfus to secure a judicial examination of his case have at last been crowned with success. After examining the dossier in the case submitted to him by General Andre, the minister of war, Minister of Justice Valle has transmitted that document, together with the petition of Dreyfus, for a revision of his sentence to M. Durand, the president of a commission instituted by the Ministry of Justice. This commission will pronounce upon the admissibility of the request for a revision of sentence.

M. Dreyfus owes the favorable action taken to the careful consideration given the case by Minister Andre, whose conclusions are regarded as in the highest degree favorable to Dreyfus, since they determined the Minister of Justice to refer the question of a revision to a commission.

Nothing has yet transpired to indicate that General Andre has discovered documents of doubtful authenticity, or that there was maneuvering on the part of the ministry of war during the Dreyfus trial to conceal important facts, though assertions to this effect have been made. It is stated that M. Gribelin, formerly principal keeper of the records of the headquarters staff, has made important revelations. The commission will receive the documents next Wednesday.

FORGETS HE EVER WROTE A BOOK.

Remarkable Example of "Double Consciousness" in David Charters.

Denver, Col. (Special).—What is pronounced by physicians to be a case of double consciousness, was brought to public notice here by a suit filed by David Charters against the city of Denver for \$100,000 for injuries to his head, sustained by falling on a defective sidewalk. After the accident, which occurred December 30, 1901, after which Charters proclaimed himself "Daniel the Prophet," and wrote a book, entitled "Daniel S. Visions and Missions, Is Heaven Real, Is Hell Real?"

He preached on the streets and established a prosperous mission. He also traveled about the country as an evangelist. Charters a few weeks ago recovered from his injury and the attendant aberration and declared that the interval following the accident was a blank to him. He had no knowledge of having written a book. After reading the book he pronounced its contents idiotic.

ARMY WINS EASILY.

Rolls Up a Football Score of 40 Points to Navy's 5 in Annual Contest.

Philadelphia (Special).—In one of the most tiresome and uninteresting football games ever witnessed on Franklin Field the West Point eleven defeated the Annapolis team by the score of 40 to 5. The miserable fumble in rapid succession gave the Navy their only score. As a football game it was a dismal failure, but as a society function it was a glorious success. Seated in boxes around the field were Secretary Root, Secretary Moody, Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, Major General and Mrs. Chaffee, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling, Admiral Taylor, of the Bureau of Navigation; Colonel Mills, superintendent of West Point; Superintendent Brownson, of the Annapolis Naval Academy; Major General Brooke, General Miles, Major General Henry S. Corbin and Mrs. Corbin and many other persons prominent in Army and Navy circles.

\$200,000 New Orleans Fire.

New Orleans (Special).—Fire in the heart of the business and manufacturing districts completely destroyed the plant of the National Biscuit Company, at South Peters and Howard avenue, and damaged considerably a number of surrounding warehouses and other property. The plant covered a square and there was an unusually heavy stock on hand. The loss to the biscuit company and surrounding property is roughly estimated at between \$200,000 and \$225,000.

Killed By Savages.

Damascus, Me. (Special).—A letter received here from the wife of Captain Hoelstad, of the ship Ben Sewall, wrecked in Formosa channel, partially confirms the report that a boatload, including Morris, the first mate, 12 men and a woman, were killed on Botobago, an island inhabited by savages. The letter says five men, including a Russian, Japanese and Filipino, were found, and seven men and a Japanese woman, wife of Mate Morris, were missing. From the wording, although the letter is not explicit, it is thought that the writer means the bodies of the five men were found.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Domestic.

The visit of the Italian cruiser Liguria to San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been made the occasion for a show of international good feeling, the sailors of the United States cruiser Baltimore and those of the Liguria fraternizing.

Judge Acheson filed an opinion in the United States Court of Appeals, in Philadelphia, sustaining Judge Kirkpatrick in appointing James Smith, Jr., as receiver for the United States Shipbuilding Company.

The McNair Mill, at Ferdinand, Ind., with all the lumber stored in the mill yard, on the Southern Air Line warehouses, was destroyed by fire. The entire waterfront was saved with difficulty.

The W. A. Denecke private bank at Casper, Wyo., capitalized at \$500,000, but carrying large deposits, failed, over-capitalized in poor stock loans being the statement of the cause.

Six persons were injured, one of them fatally, by the explosion of a boiler on a steam scow belonging to the Empire Shipbuilding Company, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Oberlin M. Carter having completed his term at Fort Leavenworth for conspiracy to defraud the government, was released and hastened to Chicago.

Commander Robert E. Peary, who arrived at New York on the steamer Pentagon, spoke with confidence of his ability to reach the North Pole.

Katharine Flynn Ray was arrested in Newark, N. J., on the charge of torturing her niece, Mary Conning, six years old, until the child died.

Rev. William E. Hinshaw, a life prisoner in the penitentiary at Chicago, was allowed to go to the bedside of his dying mother.

The San Juan (Puerto Rico) office of the Vandegreiff Construction Company, interested in a \$1,000,000 trolley scheme, has been closed for nonpayment of rent and owing to attachments for salaries in behalf of many engineers, other employes and business creditors.

Mrs. Caroline Koch, aged 46 years, committed suicide at her home, in Philadelphia, upon learning that her daughter had been secretly married in opposition to the family's wishes.

Judge Quarters has appointed Frank Weumar receiver for the State Bank of Germania, Ia. The institution has \$25,000 capital and \$40,000 of deposits.

Mrs. Mary Ousick and Mrs. Julia Ward, who boarded with Mrs. Ousick, died in New York under circumstances indicating death from some poison.

The O'Brien cutoff across the Great Salt Lake was formally declared completed and made part of the Harriman system. It has cost \$4,200,000.

Under involuntary bankruptcy proceedings the Lacrosse (Wis.) Cheese and Butter Company has been adjudged insolvent.

The White Star liner Cedric, which was falsely reported to have been lost in midocean, arrived at New York.

The military force in the Cripple Creek (Col.) coal district, where the miners' strike is prevailing, has been increased.

Gen. Ruiz Reyes, representing the government of Colombia, reached New Orleans on his way to Washington.

Elisha B. Gaddis, a multimillionaire, of Newark, N. J., died suddenly of heart failure.

Prince Jaime, brother of the Princess Alice of Schoenburg-Waldenburg, declares untrue the recent accusations against her, and says the trial of the suit for separation from her husband, Prince Frederico, will soon be begun at Dresden.

M. Oishi, former Japanese minister of commerce, has in a public speech protested against the incessant increase of the Russian forces in the Far East.

Ambassador Tower has been asked to forward an autograph letter from King Peter of Serbia, advising President Roosevelt of his accession to the throne.

A violent storm swept the French coast Friday night, the cities of Bordeaux and La Rochelle suffering much damage.

William Bryan has written to St. Petersburg from London to arrange for an interview with Count Tolstoy.

CONFESS EIGHT MURDERS

Young Bandits Captured After a Desperate Fight.

TWO CHICAGO YOUTHS WERE SHOT.

After a Battle in the Dark Near a Railroad Station in Indiana the Desperados, Although Wounded, Killed a Railroad Brakeman, Seize a Locomotive and Force the Engineer to Carry Them Two Miles.

Chicago (Special).—Chained wrist to wrist, their hair matted with dried blood, their clothing covered with dust and dirt—two headless boys—Peter Niedermeier and Harvey Van Dine sat in the presence of Mayor Harrison and Chief of Police O'Neil, calmly confessing to their share in a six months' career of crime which has included eight murders, the wounding of five other men and a long series of robberies.

The two young bandits, neither of whom is over 21 years of age, together with their companion, Emil Roeski, who is no older, were captured near Liverpool, Ind., after a fight in which they battled against policemen, railroad detectives, railroad laborers and farmers.

One man was killed, another fatally wounded and all three of the young bandits were wounded, but not seriously.

Niedermeier was wounded in the hand by a birdshot; Van Dine was similarly injured, and sustained in addition a flesh wound in the left thigh. Roeski was shot in the right hip. His wound is the most serious of any inflicted upon the three men, but was not sufficiently serious to prevent him from traveling a long distance after receiving it.

The three men were wanted by the police for complicity in the murders at the car barns at the Chicago City Railroad Company on August 30, when two men were killed, a third badly wounded and \$2,250 stolen from the company.

Gustave Marx, who last Saturday night murdered O'Brien, upon whom the policeman endeavored to place him under arrest, confessed after his capture that he, in company with the three men, had committed the crime at the car barns.

There were four desperados in the gang, one of whom, Gustav Marx, got drunk and was being arrested "peached" on his pals.

These crimes netted the highwaymen \$2,540. Emboldened by the success of their depredations and their apparent immunity from detection, outlawry on a wider scale had been planned by the four desperados.

The holding up of railroad trains in Chicago was decided on. Dynamite being difficult to buy in Illinois, and being easily traceable, they made a special trip to Cripple Creek, Col., to secure the explosives.

The scheme to hold up a train on the Chicago and Northwestern Road was aborted because the engineer did not stop at their signal.

The hunt for Van Dine, Niedermeier and Roeski has been hot ever since. Although they know that the entire police force was looking for them, the three men remained in the city until Wednesday morning. "We were laying" for a fellow that was a witness against Marx," said Van Dine. On Wednesday they left Chicago, going to a dugout made by railroad laborers near the tracks of the Michigan Central Railroad.

\$100,000 CHARLESTON FIRE.

Stores of the Shawver Company and Benjamin Bear Destroyed.

Charleston, W. Va. (Special).—Charleston was visited about 4 o'clock in the morning by the most destructive fire that has occurred there for several years, causing loss amounting to between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

The fire started in the wholesale and retail housefurnishing store of the W. F. Shawver Company, in the Bear Block, on Kanawha street. The building is a four-story brick, owned by Benjamin Baer, and was occupied by the Shawver Company and Baer's liquor store. The Shawver Company's loss is probably \$40,000, with \$15,000 insurance, while Baer's stock and loss to building is estimated at about \$30,000, with \$25,000 insurance. Adjoining property was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Richard Stanley, a cook in a restaurant adjoining the Baer building, was seriously injured by a falling wall.

Detective Train Wrecker.

Cripple Creek, Col. (Special).—The full facts regarding the attempted wrecking of the suburban Florence and Cripple Creek train on November 17 were disclosed. It appears that a detective in the employ of the railroad company was one of the three men who removed the spikes and fishplates from a rail. The other two men, it is alleged, were Charles McKinney and Thos. Foster, who are under arrest. Two agents of the railroad were in hiding within 25 feet of where the crime was being attempted. These men were heavily armed, but did not shoot, as to have done so would have endangered the detective's life. Foster's friends assert that he will be able to establish an alibi.

Offer to Fight Russia.

London (By Cable).—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that the viceroys and governors of 13 provinces outside of Chi-Li have offered the Chinese Throne to send 90,000 foreign drilled troops to fight Russia for Manchuria.

Killed His Little Sister.

Newbern, N. C. (Special).—Samuel S. Lancaster, keeper of the draw of a Neuse river bridge in this city, left his gun, loaded with duckshot, a few minutes in a room where his wife and children were. Mr. Lancaster's oldest daughter, aged 12, unnoticed by the mother, picked up the gun and accidentally discharged both barrels. The shot passed through the head of her sister, aged 5 years, killing her instantly, and entering deeply into the back of her sister Winona, aged 10 years, who is still living, but is in a dangerous condition.

Rough on Fire-fighters.

Cincinnati, O. (Special).—Fireman William Grove was killed and seven other firemen were injured while fighting a fire which destroyed the five-story brick building of Smith, Myers, Schrier & Co., manufacturers of cigar-box machines here. Of the injured, two are probably fatally hurt. They are John Connors, who is suffering from concussion of the brain, and James Keegan, whose skull was fractured. The men were on the second floor, when it gave way with them and all were buried in the debris.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Nicks' Plea For Statehood.

The annual report of Governor Otero, of New Mexico, makes a plea for the admission of the territory to Statehood.

The Governor says during the last year the building of railroads continued with unabated vigor and capital made extensive investments. The finances of the territory are in excellent condition and so are those of the counties and cities, with a few exceptions, caused by loose methods many years ago, and the results of which methods the counties affected are making every effort to overcome. The territory, as well as most of the counties, is reducing its indebtedness, while several counties are refunding their indebtedness at a lower rate of interest.

The assessed valuation of New Mexico shows an increase of about \$1,000,000 over that of the preceding year, but as the average assessment rate is only about 20 per cent of the value, the actual increase of taxable valuation, owing to the elimination of double assessments, reported in former years, is almost \$3,000,000. Tax collections for the last six months by the territory exceeded those of the same period of the previous year by about \$50,000.

Home for Patent Office.

A bill to provide for the construction of a Government building for the sole use of the Patent Office, including a site of 100 acres, introduced in the Senate by John Daniel, of Virginia. This bill was introduced by the same Senator in May, 1902, but failed of action before the adjournment of Congress a few weeks later.

The bill designates as the proposed site the plot of ground east of the Capitol, between the Federal and B streets and between First and Second streets northeast. So much of A street and Maryland avenue as is embraced in the area named is included.

The building is to be fireproof and erected by a commission to consist of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Patents, the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, the Superintendent of Building of the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol.

To acquire the site and prepare the ground, the act is to take effect from the date of its passage.

To Aid the Filipinos.

For some time the President has been discussing with members of Congress the propriety of setting up a tariff on Philippine products coming into this country to 50 per cent of the Dingley law rates. Considerable opposition has developed to the suggestion, and what the result of the endeavor to secure a reduction of the tariff on such products is, the position arises principally from congressmen representing sugar and tobacco States. They maintain that if only 50 per cent of the Dingley rates of duty are levied on sugar and tobacco the industries represented by those products in this country will be ruined.

The President that they will make a hard fight against the proposed reduction. It is understood that the President may discuss the subject in his annual message to Congress, but his position regarding it has not been disclosed.

Confederates as Members.

Representative Robert W. Parker introduced a bill to provide for a national military park commission.

The bill abolishes the present military park commission after July 1, 1905. The new commission is to consist of five members, to be appointed by the President from Civil War veterans and two of them from the Confederate Army. A salary of \$3000 for each commissioner is provided.

He also introduced a bill restoring the "white" contentment. The bill provides that fermented malt beverages and light wines, but no ardent spirits, may be sold in post exchanges and on transports, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Government Laboratory Buildings.

The Secretary of Agriculture has approved plans for the construction of three laboratory buildings for the Department of Agriculture, at a maximum cost of \$1,500,000. The actual operations will begin shortly. These structures are to be built on the site of the new buildings for the department. Only the money for the three laboratory buildings thus far has been appropriated.

Pure Food Bill Revived.

Representative Hepburn introduced a bill known as the Pure Food bill, being the same measure which was reported last Congress by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

To Wipe Out Slavery.

Representative M. R. Patterson introduced a bill to abolish slavery in the Philippine Islands. For some time between the United States and the Sultan of Sulu.

In the Departments.

General Reyes, envoy of Colombia to Washington, will confer with Secretary Hay, says Colombia will grant all the canal concessions provided in the Hay-Herran Treaty free of cost if the United States will permit Colombia to resign Panama.

A man giving his name as Rev. Robert Waters, of Altoona, Pa., was arrested as an alleged crank. He said he had come to collect \$2,000,000,000 from President Roosevelt to defray the expense of a trip to Rome.

Secretary Cortelyou ordered the deportation of Gen. Leonard Wood, and the understanding that they would be employed at the mills of the American Textile Company, in Pawtucket, R. I.

Joseph Naganab, a Chippewa Indian, instituted proceedings against Secretary Hitchcock to have the Forestry Act of 1902 declared unconstitutional.

New assistant attorney generals for the Postoffice Department were appointed to succeed those involved in the scandal. United States Minister Beaupre cables the State Department that, while excitement still prevails at the Colombian capital, no troops have yet been enlisted, and there are rumors of a revolution in the State of Cauca. There is also talk of the formation of a combination of South American countries against the United States.

In his annual report Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes explains that the decrease in receipts is due to the reduction of taxes.

Advices from Panama state that as soon as the canal treaty has been ratified by the Junta the latter will ask the United States for \$2,000,000 in cash, and the other \$8,000,000 shall be transferred so that it can be invested.

TAKE ACTION IN ADVANCE

Junta Has Already Decided to Approve Treaty.

THE U. S. GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED.

Signed by the Foreign Minister, It Has the Force of a Decree—Treaty Will Be Signed as Soon as Received—Action of the Junta Credited, in a Measure, to the Representations of Mr. Varilla.

Panama (By Cable).—The junta, composed of Jose Agustin Arango, Tomas Arias and Manuel Espinosa, held a meeting at 10 o'clock a. m., all the ministers of state and councilors being present, and unanimously decided to ratify the canal treaty so soon as it is received here, and authorize Minister Bunan-Varilla officially to communicate the junta's decision to the United States Government.

The decision of the junta was received with great joy throughout the isthmus without distinction of parties or classes.

Rear Admirals Walker and Glass have been informed of the action taken by the junta.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Official confirmation of the determination of the Panama junta to ratify the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Panama canal treaty was received by the junta of the government of the republic of Panama, at 3:30 o'clock. The minister's dispatch is as follows:

"Panama.—Varilla, minister plenipotentiary of the republic of Panama, Washington.

In view of the approbation given by the delegates, Amador and Boyd (the commissioners who were sent by the government of Panama to confer with Minister Varilla), you are authorized to notify officially the government of the United States that as soon as the document is received by the junta of the government of the republic of Panama, it will be ratified and signed.

"J. A. ARANGO,"
"TOMAS ARIAS,"
"MANUEL ESPINOSA."

Countersigned by the minister of foreign relations.

"DE LA ESPRIELLA."

Minister Varilla calls special attention to the fact that the message received by him is signed not only by the members of the junta, but also by the minister of foreign relations, which characterizes the communication of the character of a formal decree of the government.

The action taken by the Panama junta doubtless is due in part at least to the urgent representation of Minister Varilla that prompt steps be taken with a view to the ratification of the treaty as soon as it shall reach Panama. Last Saturday the minister called a long synopsis of the treaty to Panama, and since that time has been in communication with the government on the subject.

Francisco de F. Manotas, who arrived at New York from Savannah, is a member of the commission sent by the Governor of the state of Bolivia to the United States to obtain information as to the real state of affairs on the Isthmus of Panama. His departure was delayed at the time his fellow commissioner arrived in Washington some days ago—left Bolivia.

LETTER WRITERS ARRESTED.

Secret Service Men Think They May Be Dangerous to the President.

New York (Special).—Chas. Treshon, who is charged with writing letters to President Roosevelt, complaining that an influential person in governmental circles in Washington has an electric battery which is attached to the soles of Treshon's feet and so militates against his chances of seeing the President, was sent to Bellevue Hospital for examination as to his sanity. When arraigned before Magistrate Mayo the prisoner said he was a "double sun." None of the letters contained any threats.

Treshon, it was said by Secret Service officials, has twice before been arrested, once on January 6, 1895, when he sent a letter to President Cleveland from Baltimore, containing allusions to the electric current which prevented him from reaching the President, and again in 1901, when he sent a similar letter to President McKinley and was arrested, declared insane and sent to a hospital in Washington.

Another arrest of the same nature was made later when Kalman Fodessy was taken into custody by officers of the Secret Service and sent to Bellevue for examination. Fodessy is a watchmaker, who came to this country from Poland two years ago. For some time he has been writing letters to President Roosevelt, chiefly about police officials of Buffalo, and when arrested he told a rambling, disconnected story. At the time of his arrest he had a 10-page typewritten letter addressed to the President in his possession.

Shot Dead on the Street.

New York (Special).—Observing a man whom he believed to be a burglar leaving the tenement in which he lives in Elbridge street, Harold Andressen opened fire from a second-story window and killed the man as he was passing down the street. The dead man proved to be Morris Gropper, a tailor, who bore an excellent reputation. Andressen, who was arrested, told the police that he was aroused by someone trying to enter his apartment, and on his demanding to know who there he heard the intruder run down stairs. Then he reached the window in time to see a man leaving the house, and fired on him after he had refused to halt.

Left Estate of 25,301.765.

New York (Special).—The appraisal of the estate of Collis P. Huntington, who died on August 13, 1900, shows that he left a net real and personal estate in this State valued at \$28,301,765. The gross personalty amounted to \$35,594,586, from which are deducted the debts due by the estate, the expenses of administration and the executors' commissions. The appraisal was directed by the Surrogate's Court.

Situation in San Domingo.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The State Department has received a cablegram from Minister Powell at San Domingo stating that up to that time the provisional government had not reached the capital, and that the retiring president, Wos y Gil, with his cabinet, had sailed for San Juan on the German warship Falke.

Crown Prince Frederick William, representing the German Emperor, was present at the dedication of the new American church in Berlin.

TIMBERS TORN FROM THE WALLS.

Terrific Explosion in Mine Also Causes Great Damage to Property.

Fort Smith, Ark. (Special).—Thirteen miners were killed and great damage was done by an accidental explosion of gas in coal mine No. 20, at Bonanza, Ark., twelve miles from this city.

When the explosion occurred there were about 175 men in the various shafts. All escaped without injury except the thirteen who were employed in entry "K," the scene of the explosion.

The force of the explosion was terrific and timbers were torn from the walls of the passages for several hundred yards at the mouth of entry "K."

The passages were so completely obstructed that the work of rescuing the entombed men was tedious in the extreme and several hours were consumed before the first body was found.

It is thought that the gas was accidentally ignited by a miner's lamp.

The miners who escaped, with the aid of others summoned from nearby shafts immediately set about clearing the passages in the hope that some of the thirteen entombed men might have survived the explosion.

By nightfall six bodies had been recovered and the rescue work was still in progress.

THE PRICE REDUCED.

United States Gets Honolulu Naval Station for \$75,000.

Honolulu (Special).—A compromise has been effected between the United States. For this amount the plantation Company in the matter of the land of the corporation desired by the government for the naval station at Pearl Harbor.

The verdict of a jury had fixed the price to be paid at \$102,000. An appeal was taken, and the case has now been settled by the payment into the Federal Court of \$75,000 by the United States. For this amount the plantation company will give deeds to the property and the government will acquire all the land needed for the naval station. This settles the last of the Pearl Harbor land suits.

A PLUCKY GIRL.

Guns Cords From Her Wrists and Chaser Burglar From House.

Chicago, Ill. (Special).—After having been bound and gagged by a colored thief in the residence of Mrs. R. A. Barclay, on Grand Boulevard, a plucky 16-year-old girl, employed as a domestic, burned the cords from her wrists and chased the intruder from the house with a carving knife. This is the story as related by the girl, whose name is Anna Hastings.

Opening the cellar door in response to a knock, she says a colored man seized her by the throat, dragged her to the kitchen, and after tying her forehead in a napkin into her mouth, while he proceeded to ransack the house. The girl dragged herself to the range and succeeded in freeing herself, receiving a severe burning in the operation.

"Eighth" Sued.

Detroit, Mich. (Special).—A Free Press dispatch from Muskegon, Mich., says: "A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago, began suit against John Alexander Dowie, leader of the Christian Catholic Church, by filing an attachment against Ben MacDhui, the palatial summer home of Dowie at White Lake. The amount of the claim is \$928.28, alleged to be due for books purchased by Dowie for the magnificent library at Ben MacDhui."

Eight Men Were Drowned.

Staenger, Norway (Special).—The Norwegian steamer Victoria was stranded during the storm of this port. Sixteen members of the crew and two persons who were passengers on board of her were drowned. Five persons were rescued from the steamer.

SPARKS FROM THE WIZES.

While President Roosevelt was in New York attending the funeral of the late James King Gracie, A. B. Deming, a harmless crank, made his way through the army of officers and placed a letter in the President's hands, asking that he recommend Deming's charcol cure for cancer to Emperor William.

President Renssen, of the Johns Hopkins University, and Professor Undergrad, of the Girls' Latin School, delivered addresses at the convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland.

The Probate Court judge in New Haven, Ct., entered a decree that the documents recorded by Bryan could not be recorded as part of the will of Philip S. Bennett.

Grover Cleveland wrote a letter to St. Clair McKelway declaring that he can not open his mind to the thought of becoming a candidate for the presidency.

The American Film-glass Manufacturers' Association announced a reduction of from 18 to 14 cents. Wages will be reduced accordingly.

The country house of William Welch Harrison, at Glenide, a suburb of Philadelphia, was robbed of jewelry valued at \$25,000.